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SUBJECT: THIRD ANNUAL PACIFIC AREA ARMY SENIOR OFFICER LOGISTICS
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1. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE ADDRESSED
TO DAO FROM CINCUSARPAC RECEIVED MARCH 6:

QUOTE 1. THIS HQ HAS SPONSORED TWO PACIFIC LOG SEMINARS
TO DATE, THE FIRST HELD IN OKINAWA, 27-29 OCT 72, AND
THE SECOND HOSTED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMY IN PUSAN,
KOREA, 25-27 OCT 72. SINGAPORE WAS REPRESENTED BY
MESSRS. ONG KAH KOK AND SIM KEE BOON AT THE FIRST
SEMINAR, BUT WAS NOT REPRESENTED IN KOREA LAST FALL.

2. THE SUCCESS OF THE TWO SEMINARS HELD TO DATE HAS
BEEN ATTESTED TO BY THE PARTICIPANTS THEMSELVES AS
SERVING TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONALISM AMONG PACIFIC
AREA LOGISTIC MANAGERS AND COOPERATIVE LOGISTICS
EFFORTS AMONG THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS. THERE IS
ALSO A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THE HOSTING OF THESE SEMINARS
SHOULD BE ROTATED AMONG THE PACIFIC NATIONS. THIS
AFFORDS EACH NATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO ORIENT SENIOR
LOGISTICS MANAGERS FROM OTHER PACIFIC COUNTRIES ON
THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF ITS PEOPLE, NATIONAL GOALS
AND ASPIRATIONS, THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN ACHIEVING
THESE GOALS, AND ON ITS LOGISTICS CAPABILITIES, POTENTIAL,
AND MANAGEMENT METHODS. THE PARTICIPANTS ARE LIKEWISE
AFFORDED THE CHANCE TO OBSERVE LOGISTICS FACILITIES AND
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MANAGERIAL PRACTICES AND TECHNIQUES IN A DIFFERENT SETTING EACH YEAR, THEREBY BROADENING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE.

3. THIS HQ IS NOW MAKING PLANS FOR A THIRD SEMINAR LATE IN 1973. AFTER REVIEW OF ALL FACTORS GOVERNING A SITE FOR THIS YEAR, THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE APPEARS IDEAL.

4. IF YOU CONCUR, REQUEST THAT YOU FORMALLY SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF THE GOVT OF SINGAPORE, THRU THE DEFENSE MINISTRY, REGARDING HOSTING THE 1973 SEMINAR. THE SPECIFIC DATES MUST OF COURSE BE DEPENDENT UPON THE DESIRES AND CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVT OF SINGAPORE. FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION PURPOSES, A LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER DATE IS PREFERABLE. SUBJECT TO HOST COUNTRY CONCURRENCE, THIS HQ PLANS TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NATIONS, THRU MAAG'S OR DAO'S: AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, BURMA, CEYLON, CHINA, INDIA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KHMER, KOREA, LAOS, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, THAILAND AND VIETNAM.

5. SHOULD YOUR REACTION AND THAT OF THE GOVT OF SINGAPORE BE FAVORABLE, DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE WORKED OUT LATER THIS SPRING. AN EARLY REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED TO ENSURE ADEQUATE LEAD TIME. UNQUOTE.

OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT GOS WOULD BE UNWILLING TO HOST PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON GROUNDS IT WOULD COMPROMISE THEIR POLITICAL POSTURE OF NON- ALIGNMENT AND THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE EVEN TO PUT PROPOSAL BEFORE THEM. BEFORE RESPONDING TO CINCUSARPAC, WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF DEPT AND DOD.
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